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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: |) | |
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| Kei TASHIRO et al. |) | Group Art Unit: 1796 |
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| Application No.: 10/591,524 |) | Examiner: Liam J. Heincer |
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| For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING |) | Confirmation No.: 2979 |
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Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

In response to the Final Office Action dated February 26, 2009, and in accordance with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed concurrently herewith, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begin at page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment section of this paper.